

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 7, line 10 and ending at line 14 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the change made thereto, is attached.

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A1 Varying any of the many parameters of the shape elements will correspondingly vary the resultant texture. Accordingly, the size of the shape elements, the geometric shapes represented, the density of the shape elements, the opacities and opacity gradients as well as the colour space and compositing operators, can be selected and altered at will to generate interesting textures.

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At page 7, after line 26, and before line 27 insert the following:

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A2 --In a further arrangement the colour component of the shape elements is varied as a function of time. The shape elements are rendered periodically to change the appearance of the displayed texture. The colour components may be varied in a cyclic fashion, wherein a period is assigned to each of the colour components. The period associated with the cyclic colour change may be randomly selected.

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In another arrangement the opacity of one or more shape elements may be varied over time. The shape elements are periodically rendered to yield an animated texture. The opacities may be varied in a cyclic fashion, and the period associated with the cyclic opacity change may be selected at random for each shape element.--

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 7, 24, 27, 28, 29 and 30 and follows: